

State Program Standing Committee
Child, Adolescent, and Family Unit
Division of Mental Health
Department of Health
Agency of Human Services

Minutes of November 6, 2006 Meeting
Stanley Hall, Waterbury Complex
12:00 – 1:45

Present: Kathy Holsopple, Zachary Hughes, Karen Mehrrens, Amy Churchill

Absent: Carla Brisson, Joy Prior, Robin Yandell

Guests: Charlie Biss, Alice Maynard

I. Updates

- A. September minutes approved with one correction.
- B. December meeting: decided to move the December meeting date from the 12th to the 18th and the location of it and future meetings to Waterbury.
- C. Orientation training for new Committee members. Dana Robson, Clinical Care Coordinator in CAFU, offered to help construct an orientation training process and packet based on her experiences working for HeadStart. Members appreciate the offer and will devote meeting time in December to discuss possible specifics of what would be helpful.
- D. Program Review initial comments re UCS: tabled until December meeting.
- E. State Team meeting on September 25 re transition age youth initiative:
 - Some good ideas were expressed; the proof will be in what actually happens.
 - Alarming data on the numbers of youth in Corrections.
 - Charlie will get the information presented by Scott Johnson.
 - The Job Corps has many benefits: can earn a GED, high school diploma; can learn a trade, live in a dorm and learn communication and social skills, how to cook, clean, and follow rules; can get \$1,000 start-up funds when graduate and get a job

II. Program Review

Clara Martin Center report and improvement plan: tabled.

III. Action Steps

Members want to proceed with a statewide meeting of Local Program Standing Committee members for children's mental health in order to get input from LPSCs to guide priority areas of focus for the SPSC's work.

- ½ day on strategies for high functioning Program Standing Committees; each team should end up with an action plan to bump their functioning level up a notch
- ½ day on establishing priorities for the mental health system of care

IV. Public Comment

None.

IV. Potential agenda items for next meeting, December 18, 12:00 – 2:00, Waterbury

- Orientation project with Dana Robson
- Program Review: initial comments on UCS and CSAC site visits
- Continue planning of meeting for PSCs